

very complete and well worked up ; in fact, some groups contain a larger proportion of named species than any other collection in North America ; hence I am always willing and glad to name small or large lots of specimens for new or old correspondents, and invite correspondence from any and every one who may be or who may become interested in this very fascinating study, and advice or assistance can always be had for the asking, both in regard to the collecting and rearing, as briefly discussed in these papers, and as well the identifying of specimens.

The electrotypes of Figs. 17 and 18 were loaned by Messrs. Whittall, Tatum & Co., and of Fig. 19 by the Kny-Scheerer Co. All of the special apparatus referred to in these Suggestions can be purchased at reasonable prices from the dealers who advertise in the NEWS.

On *Ropronia garmani* Ashm.

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(With Plate XIV.)

As no species of this anomalous and highly interesting genus has been figured, I thought that a figure of the undescribed female of *R. garmani* might prove of considerable interest to those who have not been fortunate enough to see actual specimens. The genus was originally described by Provancher from *R. pediculata*, ♀. It has been variously placed in the Evaniidæ, Braconidæ, etc., and now Dr. Ashmead places it in the subfamily Monomachinæ of the family Heloridae, thus allying it with the equally anomalous European genus *Monomachus*. This is probably the nearly correct position, although the ovipositor in my specimen does not seem at all that of a Proctotrypoid insect. Provancher originally placed the genus among the Braconidæ, but later transferred it to the Helorinæ. The general appearance is like that of an *Evania*, for which a person could readily mistake it, as I did, in the field. The insertion of the abdomen between and slightly above the coxæ quickly undeceives one, however. As the female is undescribed, I append a description in full. There are three species which have been treated in a paper on the genus in the Proc. Entom. Soc. of Washington, iv, p. 132. Dr. Ashmead, in his "Clas-



ROPRONIA GARMANI ASHMEAD.

